

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 41-47 are pending. Claims 3-40 are cancelled.

The Rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 41-47 for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1, 2 and 41-47 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly obvious in view of claims 1-4 and 8-12 of U.S. Patent No. 7,256,053. Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 7,256,053. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

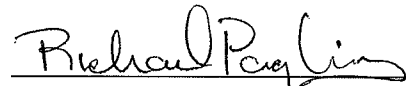
Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1283. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(1).

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